

CLASS TITLE: PUBLIC HEALTH VETERINARIAN

Class Code: 02916400

Pay Grade: 36A

EO Code: B

CLASS DEFINITION:

GENERAL STATEMENT OF DUTIES: To perform responsible, professional and scientific work in veterinary science as applied to the discovery, control and eradication of livestock diseases and to do related work as required.

SUPERVISION RECEIVED: Works under the general supervision with considerable latitude for the exercise of independent judgment and initiative in carrying out the objectives and activities of the program; work is reviewed for the application of accepted methods and techniques and for results obtained.

SUPERVISION EXERCISED: Plans, organizes, supervises and reviews the work of subordinates assigned to assist in the program.

ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES OF WORK PERFORMED:

To perform responsible professional and scientific work in veterinary science as applied to the discovery, control and eradication of livestock diseases.

To conduct highly professional epidemiological investigations of livestock diseases (animal origin) especially those diseases transmittable to humans.

To supervise meat inspection services, meat processing services, and poultry slaughter activities within the state, and inspection of all domestic animals imported and exported to insure compliance to established regulations.

To be responsible for the training of sanitarians and inspectors engaged in departmental procedures relating to the meat inspection services, meat processing, poultry slaughter activities and dairy products.

To be responsible for the inspection and testing of cattle, hogs, sheep, poultry and other livestock by collecting blood samples to determine the prevalence of hog cholera, bovine tuberculosis, Bang's disease, or other communicable diseases of animals.

To assist in a program of sanitary inspection of the production of milk and milk products, involving the inspection of sanitary conditions of cow barns, milk rooms, utensils, water supplies, cooking and storage facilities and cleanliness of cows on dairy farms of the State.

To make special investigations of any contagious diseases of animals, such as rabies in dogs and other animals, encephalomyelitis in horses, and undulant fever cases traceable to milk supply.

To perform post-mortem examinations and to conduct required pathological examinations.

To do related work as required.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS FOR APPOINTMENT:

KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS AND CAPACITIES: A thorough knowledge of veterinary medicine and the treatment and care of animals; a thorough knowledge of the methods and practices used in the diagnosis, control and eradication of animal diseases; a thorough knowledge of the theory and practices involved in testing for bovine tuberculosis, Bang's disease, hog cholera,

and other communicable diseases of animals; a working knowledge with laboratory techniques and practices used in the diagnosis and treatment of animal diseases, especially those diseases transmissible to man; a familiarity with state laws and regulations governing interstate shipment of livestock; the ability to apply methods and practices used in the control, diagnosis and eradication of animal diseases; the ability to supervise inspections of slaughter meat and poultry product processing; the ability to prepare written or oral reports containing findings, conclusions and recommendations; the ability to develop and maintain effective working relationships with associates, public and private agencies; and related capacities and abilities.

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE:

Education: Such as may have been gained through; graduation from a veterinary school of recognized standing; and

Experience: Such as may have been gained through: private practice, or state or federal employment in the fields of livestock disease eradication and control of animal diseases transmissible to man.

Or, any combination of education and experience that shall be substantially equivalent to the above education and experience.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT: At the time of appointment, must meet established requirements of the Rhode Island Department of Health to practice veterinary medicine in Rhode Island and must maintain such requirements as a condition of employment.

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